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LETTER DATED 8 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BULGARIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, the Declaration by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria regarding the assassination of three members of the Bulgarian military contingent of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia on 2 April 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Slavi PASHOVSKI
Permanent Representative

Annex

Declaration by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria regarding the assassination of three members of the Bulgarian military contingent of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia on 2 April 1993

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria strongly condemns the deliberate armed attacks against the Military Contingent of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC). As a result of the attacks in the night of 2 April 1993 in the region of Phum Prek, Kompong Speu Province, three Bulgarian soldiers were killed and three others were seriously wounded.

It was with deep sorrow and indignation that the Bulgarian public learned about the tragic death of the Bulgarian servicemen in Cambodia. It expresses its serious concern at the escalation of the tension in this country with the approaching of the general elections to be held in pursuance of the Paris Agreements of 23 October 1991.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria calls upon all parties engaged in the process of finding a political settlement of the conflict in Cambodia to undertake immediately the appropriate measures for the cessation of the hostilities in the country and guarantee the life and security of UNTAC personnel. The premeditated and cruel assassination of the members of the Bulgarian contingent is a grave defiance of the humane goals of the United Nations peace-keeping operations. All the more so, when such violent acts are being committed on the eve of the United Nations Secretary-General's visit to Cambodia.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses its full support for the statement by the President of the Security Council of 5 April 1993 and reaffirms the readiness of the Republic of Bulgaria to contribute further to the implementation of the noble tasks of UNTAC.